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TO: ISDH Executive Board

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SUBJECT: Final Adoption of Authentication of Physician's Verbal Orders Rule –
410 IAC 15-1.5

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Division of Acute Care requests that the Executive Board adopt the attached final rule which amends the hospital licensing rule regarding the authentication of a physician's verbal orders. This action is the final adoption of this rule.

On May 7, 2008 the Indiana Hospital Council recommended the adoption of a rule to amend the hospital rule requirements for authentication of a physician's order to come into compliance with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance on authentication of verbal orders.

A Notice of Intent to Adopt a Rule was posted on the Indiana Register website on June 4, 2008 and a public hearing was held on October 30, 2008. Oral and written comments were submitted by the Indiana Hospital Association. The comment suggested that wherever the rule referred to "repeat and verify" that it should be changed to "read back and verify." The Indiana State Department of Health staff have no objection to this change and have made the suggested changes in subdivision (b)(3)(O) of the rule.

The final rule is attached for your consideration.